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House File 87

January 22, 1947.
Judiciary 1.

By NELSON of Woodbury.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter seven hundred ninety-two point nine (792.9), Code 1946, relating to the execution of the death penalty.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Amend section seven hundred ninety-two point
2 nine (792.9), Code 1946, by striking all after the word
3 “confined” in line six (6) and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 following: “on the day fixed in the judgment, between sunrise
5 and sunset, by gassing with lethal gas until dead. There shall
6 be installed by the board of control of state institutions as
7 soon as practicable in the penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa,
8 a lethal gas chamber to be used for the purpose of executing
9 criminals against whom a judgment of death has been entered.
10 When said lethal chamber is completely installed and ready for
11 operation all criminals condemned to death shall be executed in
12 said gas chamber.”

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 87

This bill proposes to substitute death by lethal gas instead of hanging for criminals against whom a judgment of death has been entered.